

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
MANISTIQUE TRIBAL CENTER  
MANISTIQUE, MICHIGAN  
April 21, 2026  
5:00 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. INVOCATION: Prayer, Smudging
- IV. MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION
- V. PRESENTATION:
- VI. MINUTES: 4/7/26
- VII. RESOLUTIONS: IT FY26 Budget Mod  
Telecommunications FY26 Budget Mod  
PRC FY26 Budget Mod  
Sault Medical Nursing FY26 Budget Mod  
Establish Health Expansion FY26 Budget and FY26  
Third-Party Budget Mod  
Invasive Species Contract with CLM Conservation  
Approving North Superior Construction Contract  
Accept 2025 Kewadin Casinos Audit  
Accept 2025 Kewadin Gaming Authority Audit
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS Committee Appointments  
Conservation Committee Appointments  
Board Concerns
- IX. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
- X. RECONVENE AND REAFFIRM
- XI. ADJOURN

**RESOLUTION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**INTERNAL SERVICES - IT  
FY 2026 BUDGET MODIFICATION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2026 budget modification to Telecommunications for a decrease in Other Revenue of \$889,034.10 and increase in Tribal Support of \$95.83.

**C E R T I F I C A T I O N**

We, the undersigned, as Chairman and Secretary of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hereby certify that the Board of Directors is composed of 13 members, of whom \_\_\_\_\_ members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members for, \_\_\_\_\_ members against, \_\_\_\_\_ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary  
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**RESOLUTION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**INTERNAL SERVICES - TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
FY 2026 BUDGET MODIFICATION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2026 budget modification to Telecommunications for a decrease in Other Revenue of \$3,857.00 and increase use of Fund Balance of \$57,677.76.

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**HEALTH DIVISION – PURCHASED REFERRED CARE  
FY 2026 BUDGET MODIFICATION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2026 budget modification to Purchased Referred Care for a change to the personnel sheet.

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**RESOLUTION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HEALTH DIVISION – SAULT STE. MARIE MEDICAL NURSING  
FY 2026 BUDGET MODIFICATION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2026 budget modification to Sault Ste. Marie Medical Nursing for changes to the personnel page.

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**RESOLUTION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HEALTH DIVISION – ESTABLISHMENT OF FY 2026 BUDGET FOR SAULT STE. MARIE EXPANSION & RENOVATIONS AND FY 2026 BUDGET MODIFICATION TO THIRD – PARTY REVENUE**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of a FY 2026 budget to Sault Ste. Marie Expansion & Renovations with a transfer in of funds from Third Party Revenue \$14,465,591.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2026 budget modification to Third Party Revenue to transfer out funds to Sault Ste. Marie Expansion & Renovation \$14,465,591.00.

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**RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**CONTRACT WITH CHIPPEWA LUCE MACKINAC CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT FOR INVASIVE SPECIES TREATMENT**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians (“Tribe”) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is to provide for the perpetuation of our way of life and the welfare and prosperity of our people, to preserve our right to self-government, and protect our property and resources as ordained by the establishment of our constitution and bylaws; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Sault Tribe Natural Resources Division, Gidayaangwaami’idimin Ezhi-inawendiyang, is to serve as leaders in collaborative stewardship within the Great Lakes region to ensure ecological resilience and sustainable relations, honoring those who came before us and providing for those yet to come; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has received grant funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) to carry out systematic invasive species surveillance and management in the lower St. Marys River, while working to understand wildlife response to invasive species management; and

WHEREAS, a key objective of the awarded BIA GLRI proposal is collaborating with the Three Shores CISMA to remove a minimum of 20 acres of invasive species in coastal marsh habitat to restore migratory bird nesting and foraging; and

WHEREAS, the Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District is the fiduciary for the Three Shores CISMA, who specializes in invasive species treatment; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe proposed to enter into a contract with Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District to support removal of a minimum of 20 acres of invasive species within the St. Marys River and documentation of all treatment areas; and

WHEREAS, the total value of the proposed contract shall not exceed \$50,000.00, and the contract term shall run from March of 2026 through November of 2026; and

WHEREAS, the contract will be funded exclusively through the BIA GLRI grant awarded to the Tribe and will not obligate the Tribe beyond the approved grant budget or term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves awarding a professional services contract to the Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District, for the period March, 2026 – November 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 to support invasive species treatment in coastal marsh habitats in the St. Marys River.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NRD is authorized to administer the contract, charge allowable costs to approved budgets and/or grants, and ensure compliance with reporting, audit/records, IP, and other applicable requirements.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Chairperson (or designee) is authorized to enter into and execute the contract and any supporting documents necessary to fulfill the intent of this Resolution.

**CERTIFICATION**

We, the undersigned, as Chairman and Secretary of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hereby certify that the Board of Directors is composed of 13 members, of whom \_\_\_\_\_ members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members for, \_\_\_\_\_ members against, \_\_\_\_\_ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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**RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**APPROVING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH NORTH SUPERIOR  
PROPERTY SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians ("Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe posted RFP #26-013, Sugar Island Powwow Ground Restroom/Utility Project; and

WHEREAS, two vendors submitted bid proposals for the RFP; and

WHEREAS, both Facilities Management and the Purchasing Department recommend contracting with North Superior Property Services for this project; and

WHEREAS, this project will be funded by the funds obligated by the Interagency Agreement approved in Resolution 2024-383.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby approves the construction contract with North Superior Property Services for \$130,000 from CC #8628, utilizing ARPA funding obligated in Resolution 2024-383.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman or his designee to execute any and all documents to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

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**RESOLUTION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2025 KEWADIN CASINOS AUDIT**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby accepts and approves the 2025 Northern Kewadin Casinos Audit as accepted by the Audit Committee on April 9, 2026.

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**ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2025 KEWADIN CASINOS GAMING  
AUTHORITY AUDIT**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby accepts and approves the 2025 Kewadin Casinos Audit, which includes the Downstate Developments, as accepted by the Audit Committee on April 9, 2026.

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## **Sponsor's List**

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

Internal Services – IT FY 2026 Budget Modification – Bill Travitz

Internal Services – Telecommunications FY 2026 Budget Modification – Bill Travitz

Health Division – Purchased Referred Care FY 2026 Budget Modification – Tina Fox, James Benko

Health Division – Sault Ste. Marie Medical Nursing FY 2026 Budget Modification – Carrie Rogers

Health Division – Establishment of FY 2026 Budget for Sault Ste. Marie Expansion & Renovations and FY 2026 Budget Modification to Third-Party Revenue – James Benko, Annette Thibert

Contract with Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District for Invasive Species Treatment – Dani Fegan, Katie Schultz

Approving Construction Contract with North Superior Property Services – Andrew Lane

Acceptance of the 2025 Kewadin Casinos Audit – Bill Connolly, Allen Kerridge

Acceptance of the 2025 Kewadin Casinos Gaming Authority Audit – Bill Connolly, Allen Kerridge

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Committee Appointments – Unit 2 Newberry, Elder Advisory Committee, Unit 4 Manistique

Conservation Committee Appointments – 2 Fishers, 2 Non Fishers

Board Concerns

# ***MEMORANDUM***

**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Lona Stewart, Board Administrator  
**DATE:** April 16, 2026  
**RE:** Workshop Agenda for April 21, 2026

## **AGENDA**

10:00  
Enterprise Authority Workshop (CLOSED)

11:15 (or upon completion of EA WS)  
Enterprise Authority Meeting

**11:30 – 1:15**  
**Lunch Break with Unit 4 Elders**

1:15  
Proposed Chapter 15: FOIA Code Amendments

2:00  
Land Claim Fund Discussion

3:00  
Cultural Enhancement Funds Discussion

4:00  
Agenda Review

**5:00**  
**Board of Directors Regular Meeting**